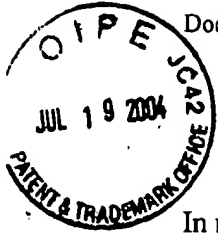


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In reply to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until August 13, 2004, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein. Amendments to the specification, amendments to the claims, and remarks are presented on separate sheets below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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